



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 15, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH THE
ACQUISITION OF ONE ALL WHEEL DRIVE PUMPER-TYPE FIRE APPARATUS
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to acquire one all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus. An all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus costs approximately \$280,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and purchase of one all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER

BRADBURY
CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA

CUDAHY
DIAMOND BAR
DUARTE
EL MONTE
GARDENA
GLEN DORA
HAWAIIAN GARDENS

HAWTHORNE
HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
INDUSTRY
INGLEWOOD
IRVINDALE
LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE

LA MIRADA
LA PUENTE
LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWNDALE
LOMITA
LYNWOOD

MALIBU
MAYWOOD
NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District has a twenty-year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and five years of reserve service. An all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities for Catalina Island. The acquisition will allow us to maintain our current replacement schedule for these types of apparatus.

In addition, the apparatus will have an enclosed cab, improved firefighter safety features, cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs, higher efficiency and lower emission diesel engines. These features will allow us to continue providing prompt, skillful and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services; and Goal #5, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus is \$280,000. The District's FY 2009-10 budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase. The maintenance of the apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The nature of response requirements, firefighting and automotive technology, and accepted National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically over the last 20 years and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the apparatus they are replacing.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of this apparatus is exempt from CEQA and will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient, and cost-effective manner on Santa Catalina Island.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
Business Operations

Chief Deputy Daryl L. Osby
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Respectfully submitted,


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County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Service Department
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors